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REP. VORPAGEL: STATEMENT ON ADDING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

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Madison-Today State Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) issued the following statement regarding the passage of Senate Bill 54 relating to recommendation to revoke parole, probation, and extended supervision if a person is charged with a crime:

"Today the State Assembly passed Senate Bill 54 (SB 54) with an amendment that funded an additional 53.75 Assistant District Attorneys (ADA) in 40 counties. These positions went to counties that have requested an increase in the past and are less than 79% staffed.

"This amendment helps both Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties who will each receive two additional ADA's. By giving our local officials in the criminal justice system the resources they need we are providing the tools for a safer community. ADA's often have long hours and heavy caseloads, which is why I support the additional funding to help with the staffing shortage."

Shebogyan County District Attorney Joel Urmanski commended the efforts by the Wisconsin State Assembly by saying, "Added prosecutors will directly help efforts in the Sheboygan County District Attorney's Office at combating heroin, methamphetamine and other drug use; the multitude of crimes committed due to drug addictions; address domestic violence; help fight against sexual assault; and otherwise help protect the people of Sheboygan County."

The bill has strong support from the law enforcement community.

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Representative Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) serves the 27th Assembly District which includes Kiel, Cleveland, Elkhart Lake, Howards Grove, Plymouth, Kohler, and Sheboygan.